**Juvenile Justice Programme**

t79. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have sent proposals during last two years for constructing child homes/creches under the Centrally sponsored scheme of 'Juvenile Justice Programme' implemented by her Ministry and the amount released to those States during these years;

(b) whether the amount released has been utilized properly and the work has been completed; and

(c) if not, the extent of the incompleted work and by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment releases assistance for 50 percent of the fund requirements of States for construction and running the homes for children set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of Children) Act, 2000. No funds are given for construction of creches. The proposals relating to construction of homes have been received from States of Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Mizoram and Tamil Nadu during 2003-04 and Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Assam, Andhra pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal during 2004-05. The amount released for construction during the two years was Rs. 96,66,900/ and Rs. 4,02,60,438/- respectively.

(b) and (c) The funds are released to the State Governments during a financial year on submission of a proper utilization certificate for the funds released in earlier years for completion of projects taken up by them. The responsibility of completion of these projects lies with the State-Governments. All States which were released funds during 2003-04 had completed projects as per the utilization certificate received from them. Tamil Nadu had also completed the project for which it was released funds during 2004-05.

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